Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A computer program product encoding a computer program for executing on a computer system a computer process for dynamically generating typing context data associated with a typing-context-relevant-code-point being executed within a typing context in a dynamic execution environment, the computer process comprising:

encountering the typing-context-relevant-code-point in the typing context during execution of the program;

identifying a typing context handle associated with the typing context, the typing context handle referencing a typing context data structure associated with the typing context;

computing the typing context data associated with the typing-context-relevant-code-point;

dynamically allocating a field in the typing context data structure associated with the typing-context-relevant-code-point, the field describing the exact type of the typing-context-relevant-code-point in the typing context; and

recording the typing context data in the field of the typing context data structure.

2. (Original) The computer program product of claim 1 wherein the typing-context-relevant-code-point executes a type test on an instance of a generic class, the typing context data includes a resource type descriptor defining the exact type of the instance, and the computer process further comprises:

performing the type test based on the resource type descriptor associated with the typing-context-relevant-code-point.

3. (Original) The computer program product of claim 1 wherein the typing-context-relevant-code-point executes an allocation of an instance of a generic class, the typing context data includes a resource type descriptor defining the exact type of the instance, and the computer process further comprises:

creating the instance of the generic class based on the resource type descriptor associated with the typing-context-relevant-code-point, wherein the instance is of the exact type.

4. (Original) The computer program product of claim 1 wherein the typing-context-relevant-code-point calls a generic method, the typing context data includes another typing context handle, and the computer process further comprises:

passing the other typing context handle referencing the typing context data to the generic method as a hidden parameter.

5. (Original) The computer program product of claim 1 wherein the identifying operation comprises:

retrieving the typing context handle from a stack frame.

6. (Original) The computer program product of claim 1 wherein the typing-context-relevant-code-point is executed within an instance of a generic class and the identifying operation comprises:

retrieving a first pointer to the instance; and

retrieving the typing context handle via a second pointer, a second pointer being relative to the first point and referencing the typing context handle associated with the instance.

7. (Original) The computer program product of claim 1 wherein the computing operation comprises:

retrieving the typing context data associated with the typing-context-relevant-code-point from a global hash table.

8. (Original) The computer program product of claim 1 wherein the encountering operation comprises:

assigning an index to the typing-context-relevant-code-point.

9. (Original) The computer program product of claim 8 wherein the allocating operation comprises:

allocating the field in the typing context data structure, in accordance with the index.

10. (Original) The computer program product of claim 8 wherein the index is assigned based on the "arity" of the typing-context-relevant-code-point.

11. (Original) The computer program product of claim 8 wherein the index is assigned based on a category associated with the typing-context-relevant-code-point.

12. (Original) The computer program product of claim 11 wherein the category is assigned on a per-containing class basis.

13. (Original) The computer program product of claim 11 wherein the category is assigned on a per-containing method basis.

14. (Original) The computer program product of claim 11 wherein the category is assigned on a per-containing assembly basis.

15. - 24. Canceled

25. (Currently Amended) An execution engine for executing parametrically polymorphic code and dynamically generating typing context data associated with a typing-context-relevant-code-point being executed within a typing context in a dynamic execution environment, the execution engine comprising:

a read module configured to encounter the typing-context-relevant-code-point in the typing context during execution of the program;

a handle module configured to identify_ a typing context handle associated with the typing context, the typing context handle referencing a typing context data structure associated with the typing context;

a computation module configured to compute_ the typing context data associated with the typing-context-relevant-code-point;

an allocation module configured to dynamically allocate_ a field in the typing context data structure associated with the typing-context-relevant-code-point, the field describing the exact type of the typing-context-relevant-code-point in the typing context; and

a recording module configured to record the typing context data in the field of the typing context data structure.

26. (Currently Amended) A method of dynamically generating typing context data associated with a typing-context-relevant-code-point being executed within a typing context in a dynamic execution environment, the method comprising:

encountering the typing-context-relevant-code-point in the typing context during execution of the program;

identifying a typing context handle associated with the typing context, the typing context handle referencing a typing context data structure associated with the typing context;

computing the typing context data associated with the typing-context-relevant-code-point;

dynamically allocating a field in the typing context data structure associated with the typing-context-relevant-code-point, the field describing the exact type of the typing-context-relevant-code-point in the typing context; and

recording the typing context data in the field of the typing context data structure.

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